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The Honorable James Field Spallone  
State Representative, 36<sup>th</sup> District  
Co-Chairman, Government Administration and Elections Committee  
Legislative Office Building  
Room 2202  
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

RE: Connecticut General Assembly Proposed Bill #HB5520, an Act Concerning The  
Conveyance of Certain Parcels of State Land.

Dear Representative Spallone:

Please accept this letter as an endorsement for Section 19 of the above proposed legislation.

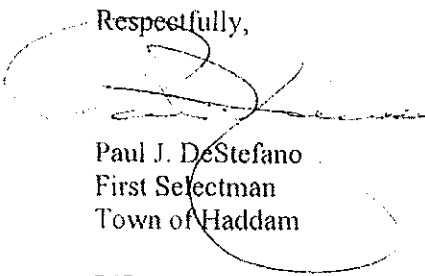
The Town of Haddam, like most small towns in our beautiful State, has been feeling the pressure of providing needed services to our community while balancing the need to address a weakening infrastructure, sluggish economic development, higher educational costs, and unfunded State mandates. Add to this the burden of a stubborn economy that hinders growth, and the increase of environmental challenges that require immediate attention, and you have a formula for financial disaster.

It is, therefore, extremely important for all small town administrators to seek out or embrace every available opportunity that is consistent with our Conservation and Development plan and offers a bridge over these troubled waters and a step to the stairway of the future. I see such an opportunity resulting from the passage of this proposed piece of legislation.

It is not too often that we small towns are able to truly apply the philosophical matrix of regional synergy, and it is not too often that the State has been in the real position of functionally participating in that effort. I, therefore, encourage you to accept Section 19 as a part of the above bill, an action that I truly believe will serve to help enhance our way of life in Haddam.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Paul J. DeStefano  
First Selectman  
Town of Haddam

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Mark Walter, First Selectman - Town of East Haddam  
Liz West - Town Planner - Haddam